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All documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding European application. A copy of the European Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner. An English translation of the foreign-language document B3 is not readily available, however, an English language abstract is provided herewith. Consequently, the foreign language document has been submitted in compliance with the PTO requirements and, therefore, the document should be considered by the Examiner (37 CFR §1.97, §1.98 and MPEP §609).

U.S. Patent No. 5,899,528, EP Patent No. 0 854 069, and DE Patent Nos. 296 01 257 and 299 12 825 cited in the European Search Report were previously submitted in the present application.

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